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Title: "AIR BAG APPARATUS FOR SIDE CRASH"

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT-A

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Sir:

In connection with the subject new patent application (filed concurrently herewith), please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification, at the paragraphs at: page 2, lines 4-27; page 3, line 14 - page 4, line 4; page 4, lines 17-22; page 5, lines 5-8; page 8, lines 2-11; page 10, lines 8-12; page 12 line 26 - page 13, line 11; page 13, line 21 - page 14, line 23; page 14, line 24 - page 15, line 12; page 17, line 19 - page 18, line 2; page 18, lines 17-26; page 18, line 27 - page 19, line 9; page 19, lines 10-27; page 20, line 20 - page 21, line 11; page 22, line 18 - page 23, line 3; page 23, lines 4-22; and page 24, lines 2-9 as shown on the attached sheets (including a clean version of the amended paragraphs and a copy of the original paragraphs showing the changes). Also, please add the paragraph at page 24, after line 9, insert the paragraph shown on the attached sheets

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 5, 9-12, 16-19, 22-25 and 27-29 as shown on the attached sheets (including a clean version of the amended paragraphs and a copy of the original paragraphs showing

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the changes).

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as shown on the attached sheets (including a clean version of the amended Abstract, and a copy of the Abstract showing the changes).

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Fig. 19 as shown on the attached sheets (including a clean version of the amended figure, and a copy of the figure showing the change).

REMARKS

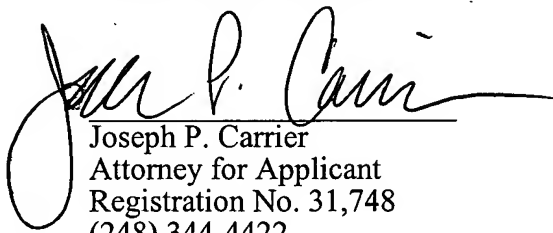
Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment-A the claims in the application remain claims 1-290, of which claims 1, 14, 20 and 25 are independent.

The specification, claims, abstract and Fig. 19 have been amended to overcome minor informalities and inconsistencies therein. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the above amendments are fully supported by the original application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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